MINOR MICHIGÂN MATTERS. The new Congregational Church at Charle-

voix is completed. Mecosta hasn't enough church buildings,

it wants another one. It is reported that Marquette will have a minstrel troups of home talent.

A number of business houses at Charlotte were destroyed by fire Wednesday.

The Third Michigan Infantry will hold their annual reunion at Lansing to-day. Prof. Dunn has been selected to fill the place of Prof. Durgin, of Hillsdale college. A grand concert will be given by the Conservatory of Music, at Port Huron,

The Kalamason churches believe in having good music. They are each to have \$1,000

Jacob I. Deadman has been appointed Postmaster of Carronville, Michigan. Very

suggestive. William Hoach, a brakeman, was killed on the Mackinac on Wednesday, at West Branch,

Ogemaw county. The people of Saginaw will be protected at dangerous railroad crowings by gates erected by the Michigan Central.

solo violinist, of Detroit. was expected to give a concert at Plint last evening. In the Negaunce schools pupils perfect in

attendance and over ninety in deportment for a month are given a half-holiday. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Saginaw Bay and Northwestern Railroad

Company will meet at Bay City Jan. 6. John Jones, one of the oldest residents of St. Clair county, died at the residence of his

son in Port Huron last night, aged 80. Branch county pioneers at Coldwater Wed-

needay. The meeting was largely attended. Montealm and Jackson counties need temperance workers. The former has forty-one saloons and the latter one hundred and fif-

what he can to have Springwells made a part

A man by the name of O. S. Lucker, a grocer of twenty-five years' standing in Three Rivers, died in that place of apoplexy on Wednesday.

Cyrus Saunders, colored, of Jackson, tried to cut his throat with a pocket knife yesterday morning on account of domestic trouble -wound alight.

Governor Begole, Bishop Gillespie and others, were at Kalamazoo on Wednesday, discussing interesting matters relative to the State board of charities.

The Democrats had a gala day at Schoolcraft on Wednesday. They celebrated the election of Cleveland and Hendricks by a fine bunquet in the evening.

L. M. Freeman, of Charlotte, built a fire in his harness shop Wednesday morning and left it to go to breakfast. It came near consuming the entire block, but was finally

The Morely Methodist Episcopal church edifice, which is now completed and which is to be dedicated next Sabbath, was commenced in 1876, when Rev. D. O. Ball was and as yet has failed to see a sober day.

committed a year ago for stealing a watch, and broke jail at that time and was rearrested Tuesday night.

Wm. Roach, a brakeman, was killed at West Branch Wednesday afternoon while breaking on a log train on the D., M. & M. R. R. He was twenty-three years of age, had lived in Bay City.

A meeting preparatory to the centennial celebration, to be held in all the Methodist churches upon the last Sabbath of the year, was to be held in the Northville M. E. Church at Plymouth yesterday.

There need be no fear of the young beo-ple of Muskegon having St. Vitus' Dance from lack of exercise and too much devo-tion to study. They have two roller rinks and three dancing schools.

A recption was given on Tuesday evening to Rev. G. M. W. Carey, who was recently ordained as pastor of the First Baptist church of Bay City. Addresses, songs and refresh-ments formed the entertainment.

George Kimmel, a young man 20 years of age, and bookkeeper for the First National Bank of Niles, has been missing since Sun-day evening, when he was last seen at the supper table at his own home. His accounts

Arsenic used to poison some rats at Bru-nean's wood camp near Houghton a few days ago got into some fish intended for the camp mess. Ffteen employes ate of the fish and were poisoned. Two of them are dangerously sick, but the others are recovering. Louis Mueller, a school teacher of Buena

Vista, Saginaw county, has been missing since last Saturday and it is feared that he has been foully dealt with. He is thirty-five years of age, has black hair and monstache, somewhat bold, dark complexioned, and weighs 150 pounds. The President of the First National Bank of Niles says that George Kimmel, the young

clerk in that institution who disappeared Sunday night, took no cash but his own. His disappearance causes no excitement as it is thought the youth has gone to Phila-delphia to join his father. Governor Begole and Governor-elect R. A. Alger visited Traverse City on Tuesday

night, the 2d inst. They came for the purpose of inspecting the asylum building, and were accompanied by Dr. B. H. VanDuzen, of Kalamazoo, M. H. Butler, of Detroit, and H. H. Riley, of Constantine.—Tracerse City

The proposition published in Thursday's Detroit Free Frees challenging the claims of the Evening News in regard to circulation, was duplicated yesterday by the Post, and the News accepts the offer. The amount of \$10,000 is sure to be given as a Christmas gift to deserving charity however

The funeral services of Harry Traver, who died at Ypsilanti Tuesday, were held in Grace Church at Port Huron Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Sidney Beckwith officiating. The remains were met at the depot by the Wm. Sanborn Post, G. A. R., and the Guards, and were conducted to the grave by the same escort, the Masonic societies and numerous

A brakeman on the Michigan Central Railroad fell between the cars on the Weidman switch near West Branch, on Wednes-day, and was instantly killed, having one foot cut off at the ankle and his head badly nangled. He is supposed to be one J. touch. His bonne is not known to any one n West Branch. He is about 25 years of

Albiog had a serious fire Wednesday night. The Gale Manufacturing Company's works, covering half a block, were burned. Insured for \$65,670, which will probably cover the loss. It is most unfortunate for the employes, as one hundred of them will be thrown out of employment. But the loss to the company will be con were back on orders from California.

A jury has at last been secured in the case of the faith-headers. Toncy and Buckley, at Manistee. The general opinion is that Torrey is a sharper, while Buckley is a delimited religious crount, having certain magnetic or insumeric powers. Every answer made by Buckley was a Biblical quotation, and he soon but the attoracys on both sides in deep water, much to the amusement of the spectators.

AN ECCENTRIC JUDGE.

The Extra-Judicial Harangue of Judge McCown.

How an Arkamaw Judge Got Even with a Negligent Monleipal Officer and with a Swamp Lawyer who Expressed His Dissent from His Rulings.

[Ople P. Read, in N. Y. Mercury.] Judge McCown, one of the ablest "carpet-baggers" who came to Arkansaw and assisted in the experimental work of "reconstruction," was in many respects a remarkable man. He had distinguished himself at college; had taken first prize for an essay on "The Origin of Common Law," and, not inconsistent with such achievements, had acquired an appetite for the most potent drinks to be found in the neighborhood. Shortly after his arrival in Pat Langley, a lumber camp foreman at Arkansaw he was elected, by the hurried Prudenville, died on Wednesday of delirium method which then prevailed, to the office method which then prevailed, to the office of circuit judge. His decisions were political rather than legal, but he was a man of such unexpected epigram, such quaint conceits and such peculiar humor, that his rulings, instead of giving offense, often created amusement.

One morning, while Court was in session at Camden, he entered the room covered with mud and dripping with water. Taking W. H. Sherwood, ussisted by B. L. Falder, his seat on the bench with violence rather than with dignity, he opened court, and when everyone had become quiet, he turned

to the clerk and said: "Mr. Clerk, enter a fine of five hundred dollars against the Mayor of Camden. This morning the Court ate his breakfast as usual-soda water and a soft boiled egg -and started toward this place with a view of discharging his accustomed duties. He had proceeded but a short distance A supper closed the annual meeting of the | when a board, comprising a treacherous part of the disgraceful sidewalk, flew up, and struck the Court in the countenance, knocked him down, and still not satisfied, wallowed him in the mud. The law of humanity demands that the Mayor should Sheriff Chippert, of Detroit, says be will have had good sidewalks put down, and spend much of the winter in Detroit, doing the ignorance of the law will not free him from blame. Enter a fine of five hundred dollars, Mr. Clerk."

"Your Honor," said the City Attorney, who happened to be present; "I do not think that the Mayor is amenable to the law of humanity, as you term it. He had doubtless taken no cognizance of the loose board."

"Mr. Clerk," said the Judge, "enter a fine of seventy-five dollars against the City Attorney for not thinking that the Mayor had not taken cognizance, and also an additional fine of one hundred dollars against the Mayor for not taking cogni-

"I protest against this," exclaimed the

" Mr. Clerk, enter a fine of fifty dollars against the City Attorney for protesting. This Court wishes to say he is tired being slapped by boards and bull-ragged by swamp lawyers. This Court has been in the State of Arkansaw nearly one year, 'Why is this?' ask the freekled-faced sons D. Lumbard broke jail at Grand Ledge of ham-strung civilization. This Court Tuesday night, and escaped. Lumbard was would modestly reply that it is on account of hurriedly made whisky. The American people do not take time enough in the preparation of their liquor."

"That ain't the trouble, Jedge," exclaimed an old squatter who had been arrested for selling whisky without a li-

" What is the trouble, sir?" "W'y, sah, the 'Merican folks drinks the

whisky 'fore it has time to git cool." "Mr. Clerk, credit this man with fifty dollars for making a sensible remark. Now, sir," turning to the squatter; "you can go home. This country has no right to imprison a man who has correctly estimated the evils of a great social principle."

CRAZED BY FREAKS.

The Madness of Andre Gill, the Well-Known Caricatteist. [Cor. Philadelphia Times.]

Andre Gill, one of the best-known and most widely popular of modern French caricaturists, is now over a twelvemonth an inmate of the lunatic asylum of Charenton, and I hear from some of his intimate friends that but slight hopes are entertained of his ultimate recovery. Some time ago a change for the better having taken place in his condition, he was, on medical advice, allowed to return to his home and resume his usual occupations; but his liberty seemed only to have aggravated the peculiar disease of which he is the victim. Searcely had he set his foot on the boulevards, when he indulged to such an extent in champagne and in different other intoxicating beverages, that he had to be carried to a hospital, where he battled between life and death for several days. When, however, he was able to live he hired a cab and led a bacchanalian life for several days and nights, spending some thousands of francs in the wildest freaks again to interfere, and he was again dispatched to Charenton, a greater lunatic than ever. Gill's madness is what French dens who are brought into daily communication with the unfortunate artist assert that he is constantly proclaiming himself in his cell "King of the Earth and Emperor of the Seas." He is fully convinced that he has supreme powers over the universe, and is very anxious in exacting homage from friends who visit him. Gill's insanity was due principally to the overdose of flattery he had to swallow. He found himself on a giddy eminence that turned his head, bringing about those eccentricities of character which afterwards terminated so fatally. He was the lion of caricaturists in Paris. Political celebrities sought his acquaintance, and were kindly disposed towards in order that his caricatures vorable than otherwise. Actors actresses, literary men and publicists, througed around him and encouraged his efforts-so much so that Gill fairly believed himself to be the only man in all the world capable of turning out a respectable cartoon. I remember seeing in the Paris Salon some ten years ago a remerkable painting of poor Gill's representing a fool the hour considered a masterpiece in itself Gill was half a fool himself while he was working at the tableau, and shortly after-

the felic des grandeurs.

Amire Gill was the pseudonym assumed by the artist at the commencement of his career. His real name is Louis Alexandre Grount de Guines. He was been in Paris and processied his studies at Sainte Barbe.

wards became an almost hopeless victim to

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